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Meet Colin Murphy . . . on the centre pages

STUART WEBB'S Column

IN THE AFTERMATH of England's crushing defeat by Italy in the World Cup Qualifying match a couple of weeks ago in Rome critics seeking reasons argued there was too much competitive football at League club level.

Few would disagree, but the remedy to cut each division to 18 clubs and to introduce a fifth division to accommodate clubs lopped out of the top four is by no means as simple an operation as it may appear at first glance.

A League programme of 34 games a season would mean loss of revenue from FOUR home games, an intolerable financial loss in these difficult times, to say nothing of the loss of FIRST DIVISION status by four clubs.

That's why the 1963 Pattern of Football from the League Management Committee, which advocated just such a move, was voted out by clubs.

In the aftermath of Italy, too, some critics demanded the cessation of what they termed "irrelevant" competitions, including the League Cup. Anyone with even the slightest notion of the financial structure of League clubs immediately recognises that it was a very far-seeing League President and League Secretary (Sir Joseph Richards and Alan Hardaker) who pushed the League Cup through into the football calendar in 1960 against bitter opposition from so many of the leading clubs and critics.

For years the critics sneered at the "mini-cup", several big clubs refused to compete... and the public were slow to pay at the gate.

But look at it today. Last season Manchester City collected more than £100,000 from winning it



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How can £100,000 and more ever be an irrelevance?

while the semi-finalists wouldn't have been far short of a six figure profit.

And every club in the League received a basic £15,000 from the League Cup pool no matter when

they were knocked out of the competition.

In this day and age of creaking finances under the weight of the inflationary spiral, the League Cup is a financial godsend which will remain a permanent memorial in the history of the game to the men who conceived it.

And, what's more, the public want the League Cup. Today it draws crowds not so far short of FA Cup attendance levels and one needs only to look at the names of the six First Division clubs competing in this week's quarter-finals (Arsenal, Aston Villa, Everton, Manchester United, QPR and ourselves) to underline the achievement of Second Division survivors Millwall and tonight's Baseball Ground visitors, Bolton Wanderers.

From each League Cup match both clubs draw 40% of the receipts while the 20% goes into the Cup pool after match day and travelling expenses have been paid.

Up to now Derby County have banked vitally impor-

WHERE THE SECRETARY SHOWS HOW VITAL THE LEAGUE CUP NOW IS TO CLUB FINANCE

tant revenue from this year's Cup run. Our fans have been given excitement and interest in a season when our League form has been disappointing and gates are below last season's 26,000 average. Third Division Brighton must have made £30,000 from their exciting League Cup run which gave them a draw at Ipswich whom they beat in a replay, a win at West Bromwich, and a home draw against Derby before they finally went down here in the last round after a replay.

It certainly doesn't add up that the League Cup is an irrelevance financially. And it isn't an irrelevance to the thousands under whom it lights a Cup fever.

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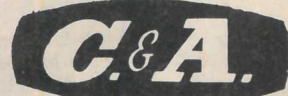


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this time ?

LAST SEASON Derby County fans, convinced that Rams were due to win the FA Cup for only the second time, were shattered when the side lost limply to Manchester United by two goals to nil at Hillsborough in the semi-final.

So tonight, while all eyes might be on Wembley, everyone is aware of the snags. With Bolton Wanderers a tough hurdle to be overcome before we even consider a second semi-final within a year.

But an added incentive, with Rams at the wrong end of the First Division table, could be the fact that their slump from Championship challengers to tail-enders began with that Hillsborough debacle. Entry to the League Cup semi-finals could well be the spark to send the side which won the League Championship only 18 months ago, to underline the 1972 success, rushing back to the top where they belong.

FOR ONLY the fourth time since its inception in season 1960-61 Derby County have tonight reached the fifth round of the Football League Cup. The last time they got there was in season 1969-70 when Manchester United defeated them 1-0 at Old Trafford after a goalless draw at the Baseball Ground.

That 1969-70 season was the third consecutive year that Derby had won a place in the last eight. They went out to the eventual winners Swindon Town, again by one-nil in a replay after a goalless draw at the Baseball Ground, in 1968-69 but beat Darlington at home 5-4 in 1967-68.

As the Rams strive for a place in the semi-finals, season 1967-68 remains the only time they have reached the last four. On that occasion Leeds United won both the home and away legs by 1-0 and 2-3 respectively to go on to beat Arsenal in the final; Terry Cooper scoring the goal.

Since their promotion in 1969 Derby's League successes and long Cup runs have been built on a stable home record. Once again this record must

MIKE WILSON TRACES DERBY'S NOT-SO-BRIGHT LEAGUE CUP RECORD, AND WARNS . . .

Bolton have the same incentive as Rams had in their semi-final year

stand the test, with the visit of Second Division promotion challengers, Bolton Wanderers.

The Rams have only one Round Five victory in four after being drawn at home on each of the other three occasions, but at least they did not go out of the competition at the Baseball Ground. In fact Derby County have only been beaten in the League Cup at the Baseball Ground on three occasions.

The last time was the one-nil reverse against Leeds United in the home leg of the 1967-68 Semi-Final. The other two came in the first two seasons of the competition.

In 1960-61 Norwich City beat them 4-1 with Barry Hutchinson scoring for the Rams. Lythgoe, Whitehouse, Spelman and a penalty

from Crowe, netted for the Canaries. The 1961-62 season saw Derby draw 1-1 at Fratton Park against Portsmouth with a goal from Peter Thompson, but despite two goals from Bill Curry in the replay the Rams lost 4-2.

Derby's progress in the League Cup, or lack of it, makes dismal reading. Since they returned to the First Division in 1969 they have reached rounds 5, 4, 2, 3, 2, 3, 3.

Despite these three home defeats the Rams have only gone out of the competition twice at the Baseball Ground to Norwich and Portsmouth.

In the 16 seasons of the competition Derby have been defeated and put out of the Cup at the first attempt on seven occasions, and after replays, on eight occasions. The 'odd man out' was the 1967-68 Semi-Final. Of the replays, the Portsmouth game remains the only defeat at the Baseball Ground.

Tonight's game against Bolton Wanderers is the 58th game in the competition. Full record:

HOME	28	16	9	3	60	34
AWAY	29	8	8	13	41	49
	57	24	17	16	101	83

Colin Todd's goal against Brighton in the fourth round replay was Derby's 100th goal in the League Cup and Kevin Hector's goal in the same match took his total to 13 in 38 appearances, enhancing his position as their leading scorer in the competition.

Derby County have drawn 17 ties and been

successful in eight of the replays, six at home, and two away. So, with only two wins in replays after drawing at the Baseball Ground, the Rams are obviously looking for a first time win.

The two replay victories away from home were at Sincil Bank, Lincoln, in 1967-68 when Rams won 3-0 after a 1-1 draw here, and this season's 2-1 win at Meadow Lane against Notts County also after a 1-1 draw at home.

As the Semi-Finals are two-legged the rewards and incentive to both Derby and Bolton are tremendous.

Home advantage in this round gives the Rams a great opportunity to reach the Semi-Final for only the second time.

Derby County are used to two legged ties by virtue of their European exploits, and this could prove to their advantage should they meet opponents with less experience in this quarter.

Many Rams fans remember the golden days of 1968-69 and the League Cup victories over Chelsea and Everton after replays at the Baseball Ground in promotion year.

Bolton Wanderers are in a similar position to-night.

DERBY'S 101st LEAGUE CUP GOAL



Kevin Hector scores the second goal against Brighton in the League Cup replay here three weeks ago which Rams won 2-1. Colin Todd opened the scoring to which Derby's 100th goal in the competition.

ANOTHER INSPIRED GOALKEEPER



Peter Grummitt played a large part in keeping Derby to a 2-nil half time lead in the replay here three weeks ago. Here he foils Bruce Rioch magnificently . . . but even he couldn't match the brilliance of Notts County's Eric McManus who took Rams to a Meadow Lane replay before they won through the previous round.

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KEVIN'S FUTURE INSURED

IN THE DAYS before the status was discontinued, 17 years old Kevin Lewis would have been described as an amateur on Derby County's books. Now he is known as a non-contract player.

The reason is not difficult to understand. He is carving a useful career for himself with an insurance broking firm in his native Leicester, and is loathe to sacrifice that for the chancey business of full-time football. Not until and unless he has convinced himself he has a future in the game.

So he stays on at work, plays for Wigston Fields in the useful Leicestershire Senior League on Saturdays, and turns out for Rams junior sides when selected in mid-week.

So impressive has young Kevin been in his central defensive role whenever he has played for the "A" or Youth sides that junior coach Richie Norman, and the Derby County coaching staff as a whole believe he may convince himself soon to give professional soccer a chance.

They already believe he has a future in the game. Meanwhile, Kevin is readying himself for an alternative career in the insurance field...

I HEAR THAT

FOLLOWING the appointment of a referees 'supremo' by the Football Association there will be strong pressure for the introduction of professional referees at Football League level.

Now, Archie is wanted

I TOLD YOU last Saturday about Charlie George's column in the Norwegian sports magazine *Football Revyen*, and I record tonight that his fan mail from Scandinavia last week topped the 100-letters mark. If you've ever tried answering 100 letters at one time you'll know just how many letters that is. Now Scotland's captain Archie Gemmill, is on the wanted list, by Finland's *Veikkaus Lekt*, the sports paper owned by the state-run pools. Derby's midfield dynamo finds it somewhat remarkable that the Finns should be chasing his views, while not one newspaper in his native Scotland has made him an offer. A prophet in his own country...

Have you a dafter story?

BRUCE RIOCH says it was the daftest injury he's ever suffered...that ankle sprain after the match was over at Goodison a week last Saturday.

"At the final whistle, I turned to shake one of the Everton lad's hands", he explained, "accidentally trod on his foot, and turned an ankle over".

He had to be helped off by Colin Boulton and another of the lads while spectators looked on amazed, because he had been running hard until the final whistle. "It gave me a lot of pain", said Bruce who missed last Saturday's game because of it.

Yes, it's the daftest soccer injury I've ever heard... but what about you?

I'll give a subscription for the rest of the season, starting at Christmas, to any daft soccer injury stories from readers printed in this column.



Cheltenham - September 25/1974. 'Zarawyn' (S.P. Taylor) winning the Long Distance Hurdle Race - 3 miles.

A Rams win tonight means they're still on a £10,000 chance

NEARLY 1,000 employees, reps and agents of a Long Eaton knitwear firm will be crossing their fingers for a Derby County League Cup success against Bolton Wanderers tonight...whether they are football fans or not.

Because that would keep them in the running for a tempting share of £10,000 should an unusual double bet come up.

Mind you, it's a long shot, which went a bit awry last week when highly fancied outsider Zarawyn was withdrawn from Saturday's Hennessey Gold Cup.

The seven year old chaser is owned by Mr A. J. Moore, Chairman of Cox

Moore & Co Ltd, Milner Road, Long Eaton, Derbyshire. Zarawyn's odds, from Ladbrokes: 33-1.

His son, managing director Mr Richard Moore, is a Derby County director. Ladbrokes said the odds against Rams winning the League Cup were 9-2.

Mr Richard Moore asked what the odds would be against a double? 186-1 he was told. He said the firm would put on a £50 bet, which would have produced £9,350 had the double come up.

"The idea", Mr Richard told me before the horse was injured, "is to put all the winnings into a free draw for every one of our employees, agents and reps. The

ten names drawn out would win almost £1,000 each". A bright idea, indeed.

Then the horse injured itself in training, and the £50 stake was lost.

"But if Rams beat Bolton, and get into the League Cup semi-finals we'll double them up with Zarawyn in its next race, though we are unlikely to get anything like as generous odds this time. But it will be well worth it for our employees if the double works out..."

I gather there will be some eager ears to radios in the Long Eaton and Ilkeston areas, home of the Cox Moore factories about 9.10 tonight...

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In Off The Post takes two newspapers to task, The Ram too!

They couldn't believe their eyes!

We just couldn't believe our eyes when we read the *Derby Telegraph* a week last Thursday.

According to the writer "the peculiar fascination Brian Clough holds on the people of Derby meant the match often took second place to what was going on in his direction." It was in a report of the Reserves match v. Forest the previous night which Mr Clough attended.

"The occasion was always going to be something more than an ordinary reserves match..." they went on.

In fact it was an ordinary reserve match, very ordinary. Rams Reserves won 2-1, Mr Clough was there...and so were 957 paying fans. Three days later, at the Saturday reserves match against Bury Reserves on the same Baseball Ground the paying attendance was 966. There were NINE more people there, but no Mr Clough, for the people of Derby to be fascinated by!

Five A Stand season ticket holders.
(names & addresses supplied).

* To be scrupulously fair, Mr Clough received the attention of a small section of a small crowd.

CLOUGH STEALS SHOW

Derby Reserves 2, Forest Reserves 1

JEFF BOURNE was upstaged last night by the return to the Baseball Ground of the man who remains the dominant personality in Midlands football.

The Central League match between the Rams and Forest was billed as Bourne's show as he was bidding for a first-team place at Everton on Saturday.

But he was completely overshadowed by Brian Clough.

...despite Rams' victory over Forest reserves



AN INSULT TO ROY MAC?

on the defence. I would not have picked Roy MacFarland, I watched Derby make heavy weather of overcoming Brighton in the League Cup.

The Rams seem to lack confidence and MacFarland looked as dispirited as anyone so perhaps his frame of mind at the moment is not what's required. He's definitely not the man in form. That happens to all of them.

I HAD a million fits when I read the nonsense written about Roy McFarland in the *Leicester Mercury* the day before the England match in Italy.

First, the writer Bill Anderson, cannot even spell McFarland...and he knows less about his football if he thinks Roy looked as dispirited as anyone in Rams' "heavy weather" display against Brighton.

After all, Brighton had drawn at Ipswich, beaten them at home, and then gone on to win at West Brom in previous League Cup rounds.

Roy has been outstanding, as all Rams fans know, all season and coming from a neighbouring paper, which is my evening paper, I am mighty sick.

R. Tolchard, *Leicester Road, Loughborough.*

* I wrote a daily sports gossip column on the *Mercury* between 1956 and 1964. They obviously still allow their writers to speak their own minds. It's our privilege to consider Mr Anderson way off beam. — Editor.

Was the Ram afraid of being blunt?



I WAS intrigued by your pictures of Bruce Rioch being bungled about the penalty area by an Everton player at Goodison in last Saturday's edition.

But I was surprised you did not come out with some severe criticism of the Everton tactics, which were heavy to say the least,

and some very firm criticism of the standard of refereeing which was appalling. Were you afraid to be blunt?

I was even more surprised that the Manager was not even more forthright.

R. Wells,
Ashbourne Road, Derby
*As the official publication of the club we refrain from criticising other clubs' players. Nor is it policy to attack referees. There are official channels through which criticism can be relayed if necessary.

But we feel a further picture (above) from that game, showing an incident on Kevin Hector, indicates more than words could do, just why you wrote your letter.

It's a small world...

I AM a Swede living in the town of Boras, Sweden, who is a Derby fan. I get the *Ram* on subscription. Your competition asking us to name the AEK team from their photo puzzled me, but we have some Greeks who follow AEK in the town, and they helped me solve the puzzle. It's a small world, isn't it? By the way, they were most impressed with your *Ram*.

Ake Hagstrom,
Radhuset, 502 32 Boras, Sweden.

* Sorry your entry didn't win, even though all correct. But thanks for competing, and our compliments to your AEK friends.

...anyone like to make it smaller?

I AM a 13 year old Derby County fanatic, looking for a pen-friend who also supports the club. Could you please say, somewhere in the *Ram*, that I am looking for a pen-friend of the same age — preferably a boy who supports Derby. I am mad on all sport, and my hobbies include sports magazine and programme collecting.
Grant Scott, 79 Blockhouse Bay Road, Avondale, Auckland 7, New Zealand.

A letter about our Girl of the week

I would very much like to be one of your Ram Girls of the Week.

My age is 32 and I am a housewife with one son, aged seven.

I am a Derby County promotions agent and have supported the Rams for eight seasons. For six years I have held a season ticket.

The thought of a visit "behind the scenes" at the Baseball Ground is so exciting that I hope to be one of the lucky ones invited. That's what eggs me on.

Valerie A. Allcock,
Ayr Close, Spondon, Derby.

*We have invited Mrs Allcock along. Any girl who would like to be featured is asked to write in giving her name and address.

BRING US TOGETHER, PLEASE

PLEASE may I take the opportunity to voice through your paper the views of many standing supporters who feel that, for the sake of the players, who must yearn for real vocal support, re-unite the the Pop side with those who are now confined to the Osmaston terracing.

How much better if both groups were joined together again to create one large area of vocal support. Looking through my *Ram* back numbers I see that your contributor from the Pop side, Phil Butler, pleaded for this as long ago as December 12, 1973, with no results.

Let's have this reunion, as Derby are the only club who have their main body of young support coming from more than one spot on the ground. And wouldn't this make crowd control easier for both club and police!

Repton School boy (name and address supplied).

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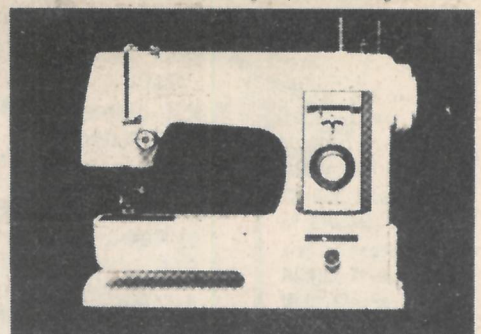
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CHARLIE IS GOALS (especially in cup ties!)

CHARLIE GEORGE is due to make a welcome return to the action for tonight's League Cup tie with Bolton Wanderers. Derby County, who have been short of striking power all season, need Charlie's sharpness in front of goal if they are to progress to the semi finals, writes MIKE WILSON.

Charlie has scored 21 goals in his 45 League appearances for the club, at an average of a goal every 2.14 games, and 15 goals in 19 Cup games gives him a grand total of 36 goals in 64 games at an average of a goal every 1.77 games. Which is outstanding in any sphere of football.

His record in Cup games is remarkable. Three goals in four F.A. Cup appearances, three goals in six League Cup games and nine goals in eight European matches. It is this striking power which Derby require to-night . . . and any time, for that matter.

Only Raich Carter and Jack Lee of Derby's post war players has a better striking rate. Raich scored 34 goals in 63 League games giving him an average of a goal every 1.85 games, while 16 goals in 20 F.A. Cup matches gave him an overall total of 50 goals in 83 matches or a goal every 1.66 games.

Only two other post war players have a better than one in two average. Jack Lee scored 54 goals in 93 League games and two goals in six F.A. Cup ties took his total to 56 goals in 99 games.

The other was also a centre forward, Ray Straw, who scored 57 goals in 94 League games, with 37 coming in season 1956-57 when the Rams won the Third Division (North) Championship. Three goals in four F.A. Cup ties made Ray's total 60 in 98 appearances.

But neither had the tight marking and well drilled defensive systems to overcome as Charlie George has today.

Steve Bloomer scored 297 goals in 484 League games, but even he could not better the scoring rate of Jack Bowers. Jack set up the club goalscoring record for a season with 37 goals in 1930-31, and needed only 33 games to reach this mark. Jack scored 167 goals in 203 League games and added a further 17 F.A. Cup goals at an average of a goal a game.

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Jack Parry scored 105 goals in 483 games in the League, 110 goals in 516 appearances in total.

Two others have netted in excess of 100 goals in all first class competition, Alan Durban with 112 in 403 competitive games with 93 goals coming in 346 League appearances and 1946 F.A. Cup Final hero Jack Stamps scored 123 goals in 254 games with 97 being scored in 225 League games.

The above figures underline how remarkable Charlie's total really is, as far more goals were scored both in the pre-war and the immediate post war periods. The tendency in recent seasons has been for the accent to be on sound defence with a result that the number of goals scored per season has fallen.

In less than one and a half seasons Charlie has been finding the net regularly, to such an extent that even Mr. Revie has had to take note.

Let's hope that Charlie continues his remarkable rate of scoring to get Derby County back among the front runners where they have been setting the pace with attractive attacking football throughout the '70s



Charlie cracks home Derbys first goal of the season in the opening day's 2-2 draw at Newcastle.



One of Charlie's 15 goals in 18 Cup games for Rams . . . the opener in Derby's 4-2 home defeat of Newcastle in the Sixth Round of the F.A. Cup last March. Just 2 minutes 51 seconds were gone when a Davies shot came off the foot of a post for George to nip in like a flash (above) and tuck the ball away.

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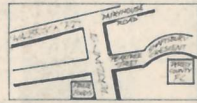
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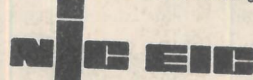
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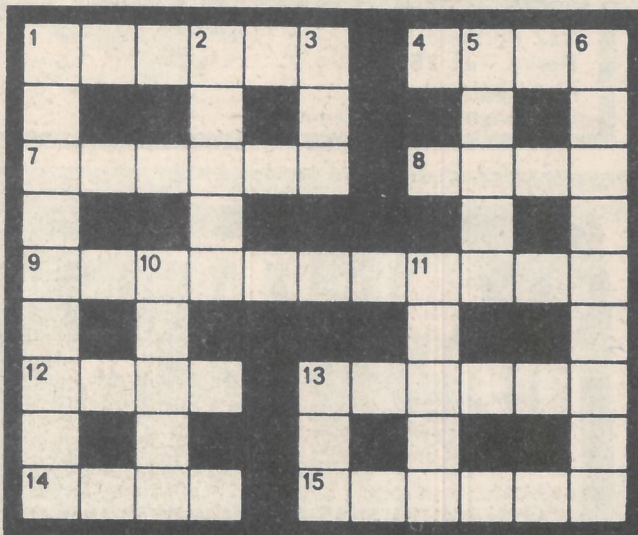
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RAM X-WORD



Clues down

1. Club replaced in the League by Peterborough (9)
2. Famous old attacking centre-half for Austria: — Ocwork (5)
3. & 13 down. — Ramsey (3, 3)
5. Former England striker, now player-manager of Telford United (5)
6. In 1931-32 Rochdale had a record one of 17 games (6, 3)
10. Leading Chile side: — Espanola (5)
11. Mansfield player-manager: — Morris (5)
13. See 3 down.

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Clues across

1. All-time top-scorer for Eire (6)
4. Henson or Hoadley (4)
7. See 13 across
8. Luxembourgers knocked out of the Cup-Winners' Cup by Carrick Rangers (4) . . .
9. . . . and they knocked out Carrick Rangers (11)
12. Jonathan Martin has to — two games for "Match of the Day" (4)
13. & 7 across. He managed Oxford United and Birmingham City (6, 6)
14. Brechin City boss (4)
15. Brothers who played together for Forest and England (6)

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being received we shall award the prize of a table for four at the *Heart of the Midlands* nite spot in Nottingham (and that's one great big prize because this Ansells place is one of the top entertainment centres in the area) to those who successfully identify the match and give the result. In the event of more than one all-correct entry we will draw the winner from a hat.

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Foreign fans sign on for the Rams

Despite playing reverses Derby County's well-established world wide appeal as one of England's most attractive top clubs has been underlined by a glut of applications for membership of the international section of the Supporters Club.

Headquarters & International branch secretary Phil Henry reports nearly 50 applications during the past fortnight alone.

"They have come in from everywhere, most of them asking for membership so they can boost the side back to the top where they ought to be. People feel they want to belong now the success temporarily seems to have abandoned the club".

Countries from which the applications have come: Canada, Malaysia, Norway, Finland, Sweden, Malta, Australia, New Zealand, The Seychelles, Nigeria, Holland, Iceland.

"Can't be bad, can it?" says Phil Henry who now has up to 100 overseas members on his books.

THEY'RE AFTER SIGNING YOU ON AS A RAMS SPECIAL AGENT

DERBY COUNTY PROMOTIONS have signed on ten young ladies to recruit an even stronger off-field team of agents to work for the club selling Baseball Bonanza and Midlands Lottery tickets.

"Amazingly, recent events have made as little a difference to our cash intake as have this season's indifferent results", Promotions Executive Stuart Robinson told *Ram*.

"Last year we were bringing the club in about £1,000 a week vital extra revenue and we're slightly up if anything this season. But our aim is better yet. We all believe Derby County have a great squad, some great youngsters, and a big future.

"That's the mood of all our agents, and these ten girls have the job of going anywhere and everywhere round Derby and the county looking to sign up people who will join our group of special agents".

During the past couple of weeks the girls have been doing well with "signings", all of whom get the special incentive of a free competition with a trip to London as the big prize.

Everyone who signs on to give the Rams a helping hand also gets a special free Rams gift. Look out for the girls... they're bound to be around your way soon.

Our picture (above) shows Jill Cottingham and Lesley Mercer, two DC Promotions special girl signings... who aim to sign YOU on!

Fans social in the Sportsman's Club

Headquarters Branch, together with 30 members of Castle Donington Branch spent a very pleasant evening in the Sportsman's Club. H.Q. Chairman Ernie (Mr. Ramaway) Hallam and Secretary Phil Henry together with committee members worked hard to make

a success of the evening, and keen competition developed with darts and dominoes. Castle Donington finally finished on top all round, after several exciting games. One of the highlights of the evening was a "peep behind the scenes" followed by refreshments.



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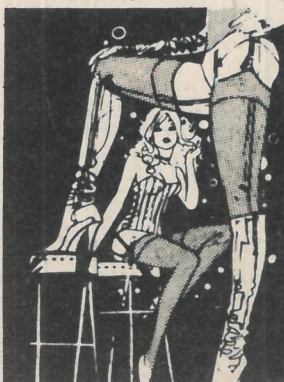
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THE GOAL THAT BEAT SUNDERLAND...

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'Sad, yes, but there's a joy in it'

FROM BACK ROOM second team coach to front line caretaker manager of Derby County... that was the meteoric rise for Colin Murphy in a matter of hours last Thursday following the departure from the Baseball Ground of his friend and mentor Dave Mackay.

"I was sick and sad for Dave", Colin told me, "but there was a vacuum to fill for the sake of the players and the club, it was my duty to do the job asked of me by the Board".

'Murph', as he is known to all the players, admits that taking, even temporary, charge of a squad which includes nine current internationals of top quality, is a forbidding challenge "but not one I felt it necessary to refuse".

It is no secret that all the senior playing staff have long admired Colin Murphy's coaching and organisational abilities, and his approach to the game, and that they have a tremendous confidence in him.

And it is this mutual respect which provides the foundations for a real belief that the partnership could well provide a steadying influence on the immediate fortunes of Derby County.

At 33 years of age, the former Crystal Palace professional who suffered two

broken legs in his career has already carved himself a reputation in football circles as a first class coach and tactician. Those who watched his dash from the back in the first half against Sunderland Saturday when the visitors' boisterous tactics appeared to be upsetting the home players' poise, welcomed his touch of "cool it" signals.

"The lads were under a lot of pressure, but if they'd lost their cool we would have been the sufferers, and I was delighted when they immediately switched back to their football. That showed character".

It gave the fans an inkling of Murphy's character too. He is a man of strong opinions, quick decisions. A sharp tactician, who places an emphasis on tactical organisation at the back which can be used as a platform for attack.

If it's not an abrogation of terms, it could perhaps be best described as a tactical theorist. "I believe in organisation within a team as a basic necessity, which one can adapt and extract all the talent and natural talents of the individual players within the team framework".

"And 'individual' is the key word. We firmly believe in coaching... but we don't coach the individual out of the game, we coach the individual into the game".

Victim of fan power?

Whatever course events may evolve be sure Derby County will go forward

SAYS RAMS VICE CHAIRMAN, MR GEORGE HARDY

THE TOTALLY UNEXPECTED situation in which Derby County's Board found themselves last Thursday is underlined by Vice Chairman Mr. George Hardy, when he tells *The Ram* today in a special interview:

"We had no-one waiting in the wings for the job. We expected a routine meeting last week during which we would have studied the situation developing around the team and the Management.

"Without doubt there were problems which were due for some close examination during the next few weeks.

"In a changing situation Mr. Mackay's demand for a vote of confidence was one to which we unanimously felt we could not accede. Not one member of the Board felt able to give that assurance so, in the circumstances, it was felt that the break had to come then and there".

Mr. Hardy confirms what the Press has been saying. Mr. Colin Murphy has been

asked to handle the first team squad, and that's as the matter stands at this moment.

"We're not asking him to keep us on track while we search around for another manager. That would be hardly fair to him. He has built up a wonderful reputation as a coach during his three years at the Baseball Ground, and he has the respect of the players.

"The Board has carefully assessed the situation and, while all options are being kept open, and we are indeed assessing all possibilities, the fact is that at the moment we are looking to Colin Murphy to get the ship on course."

As for the playing staff, the Vice Chairman told *Ram*: "They showed against

Sunderland on Saturday that they are true professionals. I cannot speak too highly for the way they got into their jobs. It was, in fact, a very professional performance".

Mr. Hardy was impressed by Colin Murphy's response to an inquiring Press. "Yes, it was Dave Mackay's team which beat Sunderland and it will be his team that meets Bolton, though I'd like to think I had something to do with Saturday's performance. I hope the time comes when someone might describe it as my team".

The Board are ready and willing to give Murphy every chance to express his ability and his man management. "We are not in a vacuum, nor are we

static", Mr. Hardy says. "In fact, I suggest to you, this could prove to be a very progressive period in the club's history.

"Whatever course events may evolve, be sure Derby County will be going forward. In this area thousands of people regard this club as their own, and rightly so.

"This Board, with Mr. Sam Longson at its head, is determined to progress, and you can rest assured that every one of us has the interest of what is often erroneously described as the 'ordinary' supporter at heart.

"To us they are the very heartbeat of our club and we are determined to prove just that to each and every one of them".

THE newspaper record of the ending last Thursday to Dave Mackay's three years in the Derby County Managerial Chair is worth examining. Especially last week's *Sunday People* interview with Chairman/President Mr. Sam Longson, writes Harry Brown.

And I quote: "A three-year hate campaign waged by supporters got Dave Mackay the bullet... these people can move managers if they are so minded. We deplore it, we fight it, but there is a limit to how much you can stand, and the club must always come first."

That verdict of Mr. Longson's was underlined in what was described as "clear reasons" for the dismissal by *Daily Express* top man David Miller.

"... Mackay never escaped from under the enveloping shadow of Brian Clough's past achievements".

Added Miller: "He failed to instil daily club discipline to give teeth to his visions of uninhibited football alive with flair, and suffered the coincidence of events this season (especially injury), which conspired against him."

Miller probably pinpointed the total effect with this paragraph:

"Perhaps Mackay would have survived if, like Bobby Robson at Ipswich, he had had a hard disciplinarian lieutenant like Cyril Lea. The problem is that Des Anderson was of the same free-wheeling mould as Mackay. Training, as well as discipline, has been lax..."

That problems not of the Board's making were in the wind was apparent if one read the *Derby Evening Telegraph* which reached the streets not so very many scores of minutes before the Board's announcement last Thursday that Mackay's reign was over.

Under the heading 'Survival is the name of the game now' Gerald Mortimer wrote: "The sense of passion and commitment is absent from Derby (County) at the moment. The whole club seems to be going through the motions, and that is simply not good enough for the supporters."

"The town buzzes with rumours about the club, and impending changes there. The ball is firmly in Mackay's court."

"He and assistant Des Anderson must bring about a swift improvement. I sense that they have only a limited amount of time". The time ran out almost before the ink was dry on that day's edition.

In the *Sunday Mirror* Ken Jones quoted a close friend of Dave's who came into the manager's office with a face that had seen a long night: "... I sensed it. Never a week without letters in the local paper. Rumours here and everywhere... I'd like to get my hands on some of those bastards".

So one comes back to those fan pressures, and the rumours in the town...

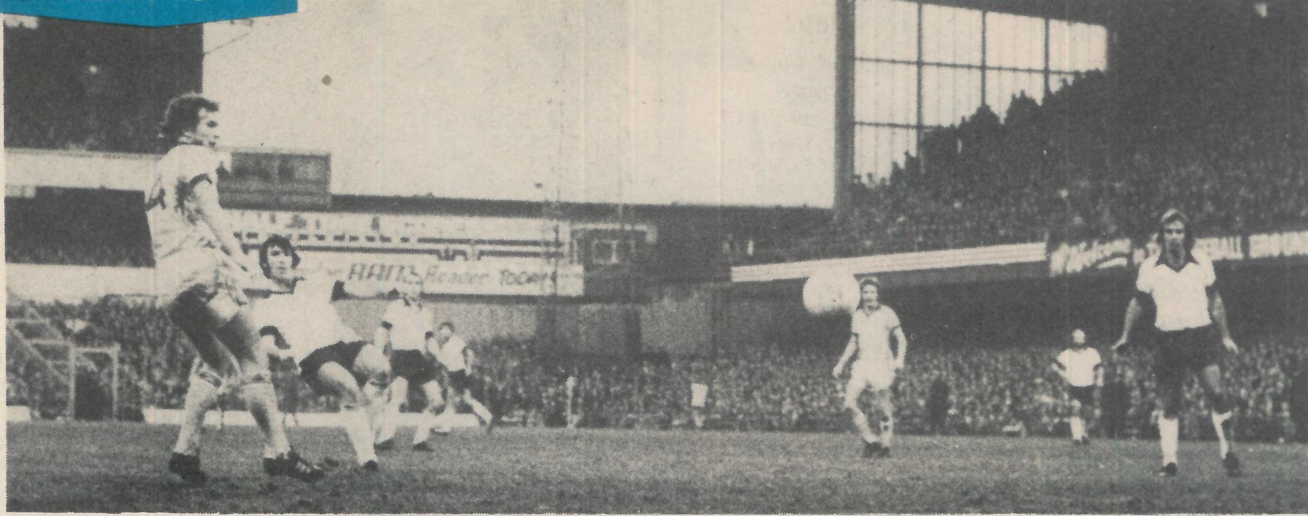
I was struck by Colin Murphy's remarks in the *Sunday Telegraph* that Mackay's dismissal did not in any way constitute the latest example of the "ingratitude and precipitate action for which Football League club directors have become notorious."

FOOTNOTE: In the wake of all this restrained and informed Press comment came the sole shaft of humour in a sad situation. In a leaderette the *Sunday Express* suggested it was now time for the directors to sack themselves... to show how even the right wing *Express* can get themselves on the "workers" side if its only (?) a matter of sport.



Colin Murphy (right) sits in the Director's Box last Saturday, with Mr. George Hardy and President/Chairman of Derby County Mr. Sam Longson.

... and Zak made it



The shot that Kevin Hector cracked against a post to rebound to James.

to do for the club and the lads', said

'Murph'



COLIN MURPHY.

Derby's senior players have long seen Murph at work with the Central League side, and have watched approvingly as he blended experience with youth, always looking for blend.

"My aim with the Reserve side is to win points, to provide places for members of the first team pool, to help players who have little hope of a break-through at Derby to attract the interest of Second or Third Division clubs to further their careers, and at the same time earn transfer fee money for Derby County... and to blood talented young professionals and apprentices into a side capable of ensuring their progress because of its shape and organisation".

Colin Murphy has done that quite brilliant-

ly during his three years at the Baseball Ground, and he has the respect and confidence of everyone on the playing staff as he undertakes a "caretaking" task which, if successful, can offer the Board valuable breathing space while they make their difficult and vital decision as to the future managerial structure of the club.

I think fans will find that Murphy is also a great experimenter, but always within the sacred concept that if a team is tight at the back, and organised overall, it can build forward to exciting attack.

"We were all very upset by what happened last week", Murphy told me, "but we are professionals, and though it was natural that sadness was the keynote, we had to get on with the job in hand.

"I was impressed that a side short of key men like Charlie George, Bruce Rioch and of course the sidelined David Nish, should show such dedication, responsibility and pride. Those are the three ingredients I have always wanted from any team I handled, and my goodness we got all three last Saturday".

That's Murph, the quiet but firm man, who is trying to hold the squad together in what is a difficult period, with the help of a playing staff of seniors from whom he has earned real confidence, and to whom they have pledged total support.

HARRY BROWN

YOU, TOO, CAN HAVE A SPANISH SUNSHINE BREAK WITH DCFC IN TORREMOLINOS



Free Christmas party for all Junior Rams

All Junior Rams are invited to the Headquarters Branch Junior Rams Christmas party at Badleys, Derby, on Sunday afternoon December 12 (3 pm-6).

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Trevor East will conduct the events in his TIS WAS show-style during an afternoon featuring films, cartoons, sing-songs and meeting your favourite players and their families. Everyone will receive refreshments and free gifts.

The picture above shows part of a party of Derby County Promotions agents, competition prizewinners and supporters who joined in the celebrations at the end of their long week-end in the sun recently at the Pontinental in Torremolinos, Southern Spain.

Another party from DC Promotions is due to fly out in February... and an advertisement in this issue tells how you can book on a fun-full, sun-full long break which will cheer you up as much as it did the happy Rams folk in the picture



WHO was the Rams fan who won two stand tickets at Forest in a raffle, and sent them back with the request they give them to "the under-privileged."

Holiday in Spain just because he ordered his Ram

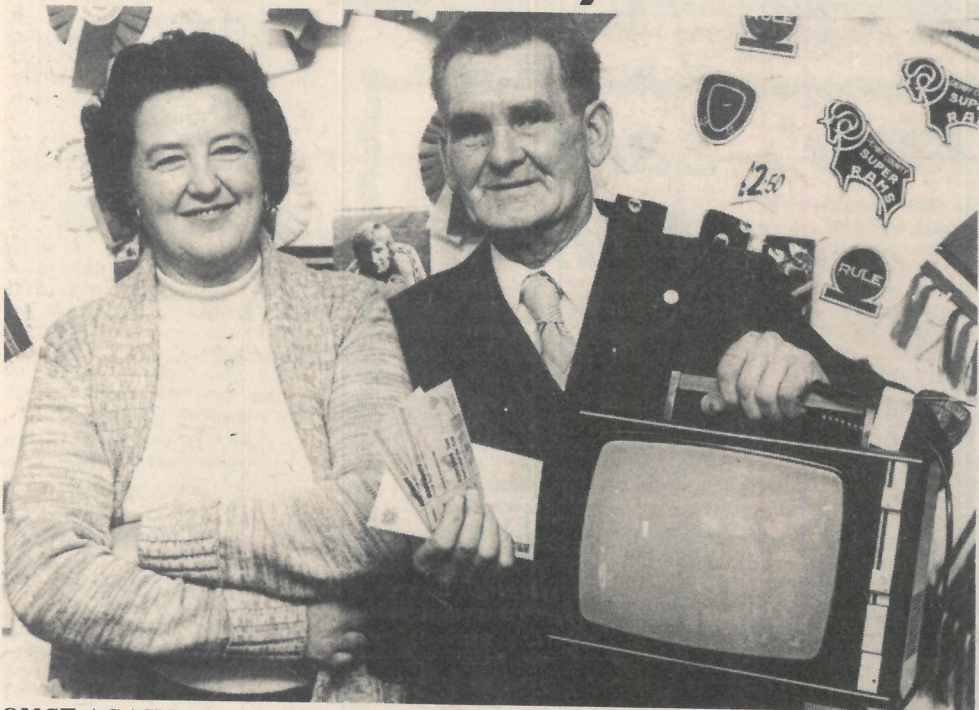
ERIC DAY OF 44 HOLMDALE ROAD, CLAY CROSS, (LEFT, ABOVE) IS GOING TO HAVE A LONG WEEK-END SUNSHINE BREAK IN SPAIN NEXT FEBRUARY SIMPLY BECAUSE HE ORDERED HIS COPY OF THE RAM FROM THE NEWSAGENT.

And the latter, Mr. J. R. Cresswell of 176 Market Street, Clay Cross is his newsagent... and he's off on a free trip too with Eric.

Mr. Day's name was first out of the hat from a draw in which every Ram reader with an ordered copy sent in his name on a form printed in the Ram together with that of his newsagent.

He came out first... and wins a free holiday for himself and Mr. Cresswell. Six other competitors were the guests of Derby County FC at last Saturday's home game with Sunderland when they were given a pre-match reception and refreshments by promotions Executive Roger Smith.

Rams agent wins free telly



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LOTS of readers have been intrigued by tennis star Sue Barker's remarks on Radio Two a couple of weeks ago that she was extremely interested in Derby County, "where I have friends".

No mystery. Sue has stayed at the same hotels as Charlie George and Leighton James among others in the past, and has now become friendly with the Rams squad who admire her pert professionalism. They were bitterly disappointed when she just failed to beat world women's champion Chris Evert after taking the first set off her in the Wightman Cup a couple of weeks ago.

We're told a couple of lads have struck a bet at generous odds that the pert 22 years old from Torquay will win the Wimbledon women's title before the next five years are out.

Meanwhile, who knows, Sue will be at the Baseball Ground one day when her travels and tennis commitments allow. We're told on match days her first question when the results come through is: "How have Derby gone on?"



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RAM'S UNUSUALLY TALENTED young central defender Donald O'Riordan, who is playing so well for Derby County Reserves these days, meets a flag kick in an "A" team match at Raynesway last week and hits a post from pointblank range with Shrewsbury's defence all at sea. (top picture).

Says O'Riordan, who has the same attacking nature (and flair) as club captain Roy McFarland: "I can understand first teamers coming down to Reserve

football complaining about lack of atmosphere.

"After Central League games with their 1,000 or so followers the "A" falls flat with a couple of dozen onlookers at the most. It's sometimes a bit hard to stir yourself and I reckon I would have grabbed that chance with the Reserves. Spectators, once you get used to them, stimulate a player".

Bruce Rioch agrees. The Scottish International has played with Britain's fiercest home crowd behind him at Hampden Park. They lift you, he says.

In the shot immediately above he is about to miss a Leighton James cross which beat Everton's keeper and centre half at Goodison ten days ago. But in the vast and well appointed Goodison Park a 22,000 crowd gives it almost no atmosphere.

"There is no doubt that even when a big crowd is against you, it can inspire you to greater things," says Bruce. The small crowd there that day made him feel like pretty small beer. "And I like to be

stimulated", he says.

From the top and the bottom alike . . . the message is the same. Players grab a lot of adrenalin from a roaring crowd. Against Sunderland last Saturday we heard Rams fans cheering on the lads in spells. Keep it up . . . the players have often sadly commented on the Baseball Ground atmosphere which isn't unless, and until, Rams are winning.

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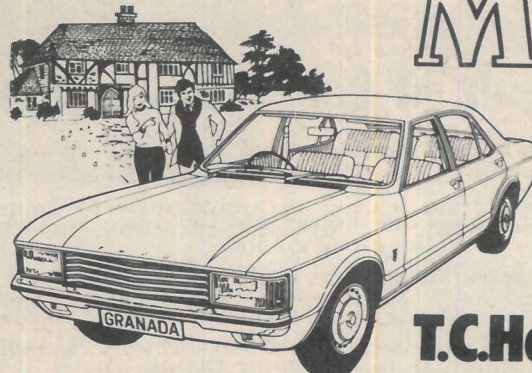
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NOTTINGHAM'S OLDEST MEMBER Joe Pyne, was made the second Life Member at a recent branch meeting.

Terry Hennessey, the guest speaker presented the Life Certificate to Joe.

Here's Joe, on the pitch, (second right) with his favourite player, Kevin Hector, branch Vice Chairman, Colin Shields and Nottingham Secretary Ron Stevenson.

Joseph W. Pyne, or Joe as he is familiarly known, is 77 years old and a

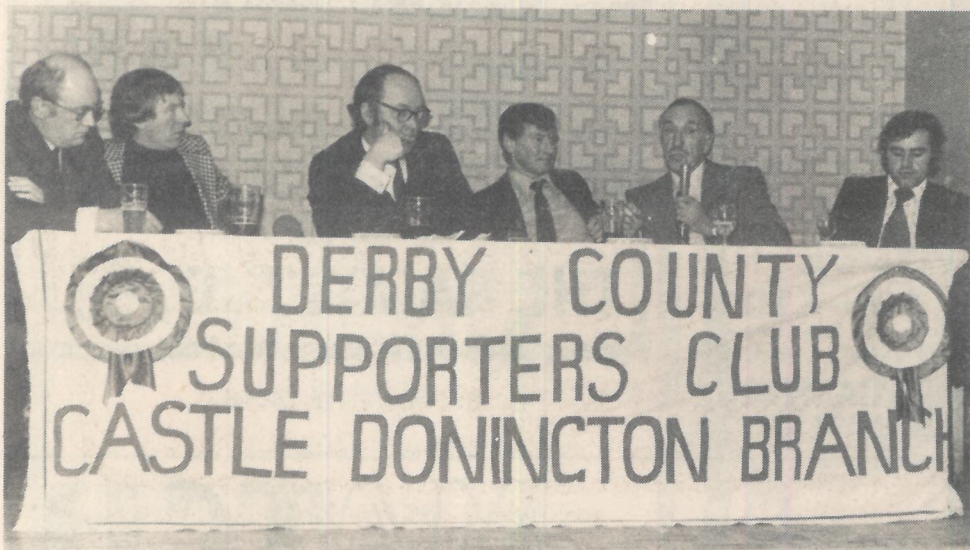
native of Ilkeston and lives at 56 West End Drive, in the town. He is a widower, with two married sons.

He is a founder member of the branch and with his son, Eric, and their friend, Jack Spencer, is a regular attender at most Rams matches, and at all branch functions.

The reason he joined Nottingham branch was because secretary Ron Stevenson is a friend of both his sons. Fellow Ilkestonians, they have all known each other for years.

Joe first attended the Baseball Ground just after the First World War, his first match was against Bolton Wanderers in 1919 when he was 20. He went on his bicycle, and the admission to the ground was one shilling.

His favourite player of all time is Raich Carter but in recent years his favourite has been Kevin Hector. It was apt therefore that he met Kevin recently at the Baseball Ground when his photograph was taken for the *Ram*.



Successful sports quiz at Castle Donington

MORE THAN 100 Castle Donington branch members flocked in to a sports quiz staged at the Sailors and Soldiers club in the town, chaired by Derby Evening Telegraph sports editor Gerald Mortimer.

Many fascinating facets of sport, especially the current soccer scene, came from a splendid panel, who are shown in the picture above...

They are, left to right: G. Richards of Radio Nottingham who covers Derby County, former Rams star Alan Hinton, Gerald Mortimer, former League referee Alan Goodfellow from Leicester who is now a Football League referees' assessor, former Derbyshire wicket keeper George Dawkes, who is caught addressing the meeting, and Brian Henton from the motor racing world. "The evening was a great success, enjoyed by everyone", reports branch secretary Mr. M. Varty.

DIARY OF COMING EVENTS

Thurs. Dec. 16: Castle Donington Branch, Christmas Whist Drive, Sailors & Soldiers Club, 7.30 (admission 25p, including refreshments).

Fri. Dec. 17: Castle Donington Branch, Junior Rams Christmas party, Village Hall, Moira Dale (7-10 pm), including film show.

Mon. Dec. 20: Ilkeston Branch, Junior Rams Christmas Party, date and venue to be announced.

Friday, Dec. 31: Headquarters Branch, New Year's Eve Ball, Kings Hall, Derby. Dancing into the early hours to the Odessa Show Band.

Ilkeston branch, New Year's Eve Carnival Party, Clubroom, Mundy Arms. Admission by ticket only.

Mon. Jan. 10: Castle Donington Branch, World Cup film 1966 "Goal", Sailors & Soldiers Club (8). Will run for approx. 2 hrs.

Mon. Jan. 24: Castle Donington, Whist Drive, Sailors & Soldiers Club (7.30) admission 25p, inc. Ref.

Mon. Feb. 7: Castle Donington Branch, Radio Derby's Mike Ingham, presents recorded Highlights of the Sporting Activities of Radio Derby including the recordings of the nights Derby Co. won the Championships of the 1st Div.

Kevin Hector testimonial functions

The following dates have been received for Kevin Hector Testimonial functions:

Saturday, January 22: Ripley Branch Testimonial Dance. Victory Hall.

Tuesday, February 1: Nottingham Branch, Kevin

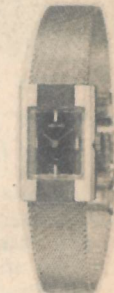
Hector Testimonial Cabaret, Commodore Banqueting Rooms, Nuthall Road, Nottingham. Tickets 50p to £1.50 from Nottingham 261001 or from Kevin's Testimonial committee members. Meals can be arranged, from snacks to steaks and scampi. Main attraction: The Fortunes plus two other acts. Also dancing and a disco.

Saturday, February 26: South Peak Branch Testimonial Dance. Pavilion, Matlock.

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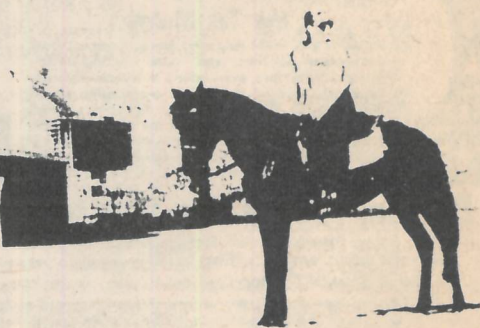
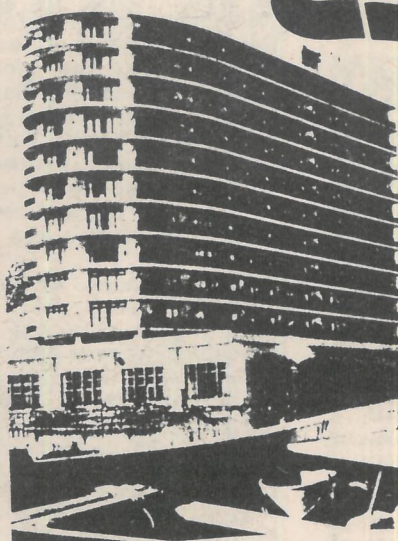
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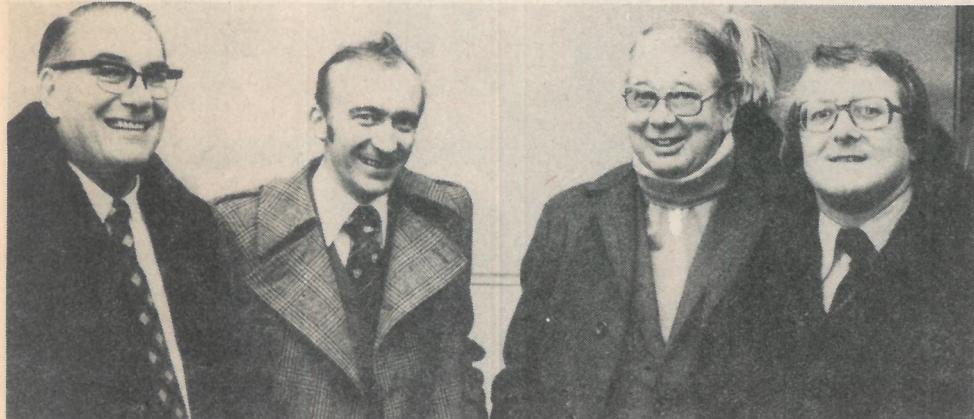
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Resignation shock

The biggest shock to come from the Midland League Division One this season was the recent resignation of Brimington manager Terry Blunt. Mr. Blunt, a qualified F.A. coach, and one of the most respected men in Derbyshire soccer, quit because of a disagreement at committee level.

In his time as manager he led the club to many honours.

LOCAL FOOTBALL ROUND-UP



Just like 'Roy of the Rovers' says Staveley's Boss

WITH CLUBS in Division One of the Midland League coming up to the halfway stage in their fixtures the positions at the top of the table are very interesting indeed.

In fact the same two sides are top, just as they were exactly a year ago. Then it was Long Eaton Grange, Arnold Kingswell and Linby setting the pace. Now Grange and Arnold are still there, but Clifton Reserves have taken the place of Linby.

Derbyshire side Long Eaton Grange have done very well. They top the table, and are still unbeaten. They are also through to the next round of the Derbyshire Senior Cup after beating Stapenhill, and the future looks very bright for manager Billy Fearn and his assistant Mick Thomas.

Mr Fearn says "This is the best side I have had since I came to Grange, and I am confident we can win something this season. We finished third last term, but this time I have a better and much bigger squad. We made a few new signings in the summer and these lads have really done well for us."

Mr Fearn signed striker Bob Taylor, midfielder Dave Riley and defender Steve Willis. They have all adapted to the higher grade of soccer very well with Taylor being among the League's leading scorers.

The season hasn't gone too well for Clay Cross Sports, though, the manager Geoff Martin is worried about his side's loss of form. They have gained on average a point a match so far, and are in the lower regions of the Division.

Mr Martin has had his fair share of injuries with several top players out for long periods. He hopes that when he can field a settled side things will improve, and he aims for that for the club's attractive Derbyshire Senior Cup game against Matlock Town.

Although the north Derbyshire side are at home they are sure to find the Northern Premier Division squad tough opposition.

Clay Cross's ambition is to get into the Premier Division of

the Midland League, and with this in mind they have spent £3,000 on ground improvements. There is a possibility, too, that they will install floodlights for next season.

Last season's League champions Brimington are really struggling at the moment and cannot find the form that won them their first-ever League and Cup "double". They have won less than half of their matches and like two others clubs from the league have been knocked out of the Derbyshire Divisional Cup.

In the last round Staveley Works, Carr Vale and Brimington were all eliminated. Brimington were the holders and it was expected they and their colleagues from the Midland League would do well in the competition. Staveley went out to Regional League club West Hallam and their game was described by manager Ian Evan as like watching something from "Roy of the Rovers".

"We played them off the park, but we just couldn't score and that's been our trouble this season", he admitted. Staveley are a good outside bet for the League title though, and with twin strikers Mick Handford and John Furniss playing well, Mr Evans is hopeful. Staveley, too, have very good facilities and they are desperately keen to get into the Premier Division.

One Derbyshire club who would be happy just to stay in Division One are newcomers Carr Vale. They joined from the Sutton & Skegby League. In their time in that competition they won just about everything going, so they decided to take the plunge and go into this higher sphere of soccer.

"I would have been happy just to consolidate in our first year and build from there", says manager Philip Bytheway. "We are, however, doing much better than I thought and to be in the top six with nearly half our matches completed is beyond my wildest dreams."

NCB men at the Baseball Ground

Few organisations are as helpful to local soccer as the National Coal Board... and last Saturday Mr. Len Clarke, President of the Notts. Miners' Union came to see the Sunderland game with NCB Senior Welfare Officer Bill Churchill. They were the guests of Bill Orr (right), sales manager of Ansell's.

The Vale are one of the League's highest scorers and have hit over the 30-mark with twin strikers Peter Wooley and Tim Meadows netting 20 between them. They have now been joined by another top class striker, Roy Overton, who signed recently from Linby.

At the other end of the ladder two Derbyshire sides, Belper Reserves and Ilkeston Town Reserves, are struggling badly, but both are suffering mainly because their senior sides are calling on players and neither can keep a settled team. This, of course, is the aim of a Reserves outfit. Both clubs have first class managers and the youngsters in the second string teams are being well looked after.

Belper have yet to win a game and Ilkeston have won only once, so the League holds no real interest for them as far as honours are concerned. But both have the League Cup to play for, and if they could field their regular sides they could just do well in the competition.

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Wanderers seek to reach semi finals for first time

DERBY COUNTY are certainly getting experience of some of the better teams from the lower divisions in this season's League Cup and now, for the second time in this season's competition, we find ourselves up against one of the 12 original members of the Football League.

If league positions are anything to go by, we can expect just as close a contest as the one with Notts County, for Bolton Wanderers are for the second season in succession looking distinct possibilities for a return to the First Division which they left in 1964.

Last season they missed out by just one point after being in the top three continually from October to February, but it may well be that after a more gradual build-up this season they will be able to find the finishing burst that eluded them last time.

Undoubtedly their titanic fifth round F.A. Cup struggle with Newcastle took much of the steam out of them, for it was followed by a run of 11 games of which only two were won. It remains to be seen whether this season's League Cup run will influence their League form.

So far they have beaten Bradford City, Fulham (after two replays) and Swansea, so that until tonight they shared with us the experience of not having met a team from Division One.

This is, moreover, the first time they have ever reached the last eight of the League Cup. Their previous best was to reach the last 16 in 1971/2 when, after a draw at Stamford Bridge, they crashed spectacularly at home six-nil to Chelsea.

This season Wanderers fared rather better against the strong young Chelsea team, going down by the odd goal in three at Stamford Bridge in mid-September, since when they have lost only once away from home (at Cardiff in October). And they have shown their mettle by forcing a draw at Oldham and winning at Carlisle.

It is certain that Rams will find them a very different side from that beaten 5-1 when the clubs last met at the Baseball Ground in our 1968-9 promotion year.

They came back from Division Three in 1972/3 a much stronger side after the two years they had spent there.

After two seasons in mid-table came last season's promotion challenge, and Manager Ian Greaves could well prove to be the man to take them back towards their former glories which have included four F.A. Cup wins, the most recent of which was in 1958 when Ian Greaves was a member of the defeated Manchester

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Managers since last war: Walter Rowley, Bill Ridding, Nat Lofthouse, Jimmy McIlroy, Jimmy Meadows, Nat Lofthouse, Jimmy Armfield, Ian Greaves.



BOLTON WANDERERS F.C. 1976-7. Back row (left to right): Peter Thompson, (inset) Peter Reid, Garry Jones, Roy Greaves, Mike Walsh, Brian Smith, Paul Jones (inset) Middle: John Byrom (now Blackburn), Sam Allardyce, Barry Siddall (now Sunderland), Andy Slack, Peter Nicholson, Neil Whatmore, Alan Waldron (inset). Front: Hughie Curran, Steve Taylor, John Ritson, Willie Morgan, Tony Dunne.



Jim McDonagh - Goalkeeper. Joined Bolton at the start of the season on a month's loan from Rotherham United. Impressed, and was signed for a £10,000 fee as cover to Barry Siddall. He was an immediate promotion with the recent transfer of Siddall to Sunderland. Not tall for a goalkeeper but makes up for this with agility, bravery and a safe pair of hands.

John Ritson - full back. Club skipper. Went to Bolton from schoolboy soccer. Graduated through the junior sides and is now a strong defender who likes to attack down the flank.

Tony Dunne - full back. Eire international who played most of his career with Manchester United. Was a member of their European Cup winning side and since going to Bolton has played as well as he has ever done.

Roy Greaves - mid-field. Has completed ten years with Bolton and had a testimonial game in the close season. A non-stop worker in mid-field, he is one of the few local players on the books.

Paul Jones - centre back. In England Under 23 squad last year. A commanding player in the middle of the defence, and very good in the air, bound for the top.

Sam Allardyce - centre back. One of the "finds" of last season, his first full campaign. Emerged as an outstanding defender, and was voted "Player of the Year" by Wanderers' supporters.

Willie Morgan - winger. From Burnley moved to Manchester United for a big fee. Returned to Burnley, and was signed by Bolton towards the end of last season. A Scottish international, and member of their last World Cup squad.

Neil Whatmore - striker. Strong attacker with a scoring flair. Hit 13 goals last season to become the club's joint top scorer. Good in the air.

Garry Jones - striker. Had his best season for some time last time out, scoring 13 goals. A strong running attacker, he has the ability to put pressure on defenders.

Peter Reid - mid-field. Another young player

who came to the fore last year. Peter was discovered playing at schools level and graduated through Bolton's junior sides to win a regular first team place.

Peter Thompson - winger. The former Liverpool and England winger who has won most of the honours in the game. Still very tricky and fast player, he is a key Bolton man, and a firm favourite with their supporters.

Steve Taylor - striker. Steve got his first team chance this season due to injuries. He seized that chance well, and is Bolton's leading scorer. A strong, aggressive player, good in the air. Joined Wanderers from school, graduated through the club's junior sides.

Mike Walsh - defender. Joined the club from school. Has yet to win a regular place in the side, but equally at home in midfield or in back four.

Brian Smith - mid-field. A hard working player on the verge of the side. Made a handful of appearances last season.

Hugh Curran - striker. Scottish international who missed most of last season because of a series of knee operations. The former Wolves, Norwich player has now regained full fitness and playing a key part in Bolton's run.

Alan Waldron - Speedy, skilful player, he spent the summer in America where he played for Chicago Stings.


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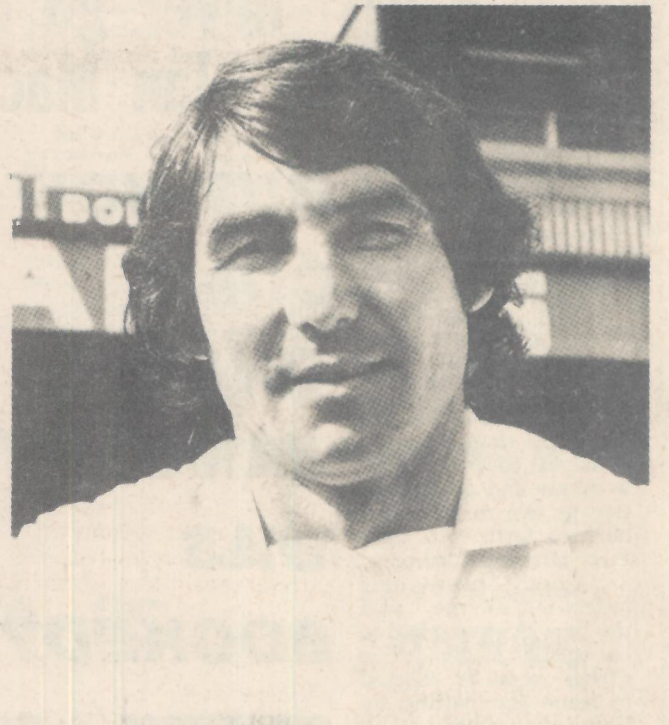
These well known faces...



Peter Thompson, ex Liverpool and England



Willie Morgan, ex Man United and Scotland



Tony Dunne, ex Man United and Eire

... BLEND WITH THE UP-AND-COMING

LACK OF a really prolific goalscorer in the vital late stages of last season almost certainly cost Bolton Wanderers promotion to the First Division. There should be no worries on that particular score this season for young **STEVE TAYLOR**, whose only previous League goals came during a spell on loan at Port Vale last season, has exploded upon the Burnden Park scene with 15 goals up to the time of writing. And to think, he only won his place this term because he was let in through injuries.

NEIL WHATMORE, last season's joint top scorer, is another home-grown product. With **WILLIE MORGAN** (after two spells with Burnley and one with Manchester United) now adding craft on the right side of midfield and **HUGH CURRAN**, another vastly experienced player now fit again, there is no lack of experience available to



Steve Taylor
Shooting starlet



Sam Allardyce
Midfield power



Paul Jones
Back strength

New shooting star Taylor only won his place this term because of injuries

blend in with the younger Wanderers men. In midfield two more home-grown products, **PETER REID** and **ALAN WALDRON**, have gradually established themselves in the team over the past three seasons, while **ROY GREAVES**, still going strong after more than 350 appearances, provides the experience in this department.

It is a similar tale of youth and experience in the back row with **TONY DUNNE**, now in his third season after over 400 games for Manchester United and likely to be on the opposite flank from **PETER NICHOLSON**, who came from Blackpool five years ago, with **PAUL JONES** and **MIKE WALSH** in the centre. Both the latter are one-club men.

Paul, in the course of well over 200 appearances has also made his mark as a goalscorer, using his height to good effect and also proving a most reliable penalty taker.

Behind them **JIM McDONAGH**, who had been first choice at Rotherham until he was injured a year ago, has done remarkably well to take over smoothly from Barry Siddall, since the latter's recent move to Sunderland.



Bolton manager
Ian Greaves

Though not always in the team nowadays **Peter Thompson** is still one of the foremost exponents in the game of the ancient art of wing play.

He was a regular in the team last season, and took his tally of League appearances near to 550 in a career which began with Preston in the late 50's and took him to Liverpool in time for their great days in the mid-sixties when they first established themselves as a world-class side.

Peter follows in a long line of Bolton players who over the years have brought distinction to the game, among them outstanding forwards like **Ted Vizard**, one of the heroes of the first Wembley Cup Final in 1923 and **Nat Lofthouse**, the centre forward who was one of the outstanding post-war strikers for both club and country.

GEOFFREY ALLMAN

Bolton took their undefeated run to ten League and Cup matches when they beat high flying Charlton 1-nil at Burnden Park on Saturday to go to third place in Division Two, three points behind Chelsea and level on points with second placed Blackpool.

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This Derby side could never go down, said Ian MacFarlane

BUT HOW COME ONLY JAMES WAS BOOKED?

Open Letter To the stay-aways

THIS DERBY SIDE will never go down, said Sunderland's caretaker manager Ian MacFarlane in the Baseball Ground press room after the game, "they're too good for that and we all know it. They'll finish well up."

He accepted that his team was short on skills but put forward their workrate and determination as two reasons why he held faith with their First Division future.

"They'll play their hearts out for me," said the fiery Scot who had to be talked to by police earlier when he reacted to some fan baiting by Rams supporters.

He could be right, but he was surely a little off beat when he claimed the match hadn't been a rough one. Like us, the Press last Saturday was a little bewildered that after being sythed down ruthlessly at least half a dozen times during the game, Leighton James should be the only one booked. And that for retaliatory action to something which deserved equal treatment, to say the least.

It is inconceivable that James should be taken out of the game so effectively as this without the offenders receiving more than finger-wagging lectures.

Taffy has been the recipient of some harsh criticism by Rams fans who might, with hindsight, accept that his

speed, footwork and his immaculate ball distribution would be causing havoc to opposition after opposition were it not for the fact that time and again he is upended.

Whenever he is showing them a clean pair of heels, subsequent panic stations inevitably cause him to be 'taken out'.

Unless and until he receives the protection that pure football skills deserve then Leighton James will be unable to turn to best effect his dazzling potential.

Maybe his Celtic temperament induces a lack of sympathy from officials, but if this is so it is not Leighton James who is the prime offender.

I am writing to say what I think of everybody who is criticising the Rams. Let me ask them do they not think they have been fortunate to be able to watch Derby County in recent years in their greatest-ever period?

We have won the Championship twice and reached the European Cup and F.A. Cup semi-finals as well.

Ten years ago who would have envisaged that Derby would play such teams as Real Madrid, Benfica, Juventus and the likes.

Last season some 40,000 people around Derby wanted tickets for

the F. A. Cup semi-final against Man. Utd, but now it seems less than 26,000 want to know them in an unfortunate period.

What has happened to these other 14,000 or so? Hooliganism and prices are only feeble excuses for these fairweather supporters, but if we get to the League Cup Final, they'll be back.

I am a regular Pop-sider. Michael Yates, 26 The Knoll, Tansley, near Matlock.

*Let's hope then that you and all regulars without season tickets are saving your Ram vouchers on our special free card.



DERBY COUNTY 1
SUNDERLAND 0

MANY TIMES during his occupancy of the Derby managerial chair Dave Mackay was told by critics that the Championship side wasn't his...but it certainly was labelled his when the chips were down. So it was fascinating to see how 'caretaker' manager Colin Murphy handled one question at his press conference after last Saturday's Sunderland match.



A Leighton James corner kick swings in for 'keeper' Siddall to touch the ball on to the top of the bar... along which it ran to safety for Sunderland.

The question: whose team was Derby's today?

Murphy's answer: "It was Dave's team. But whose team would it have been had we lost six-nil?"

A very fair answer to a fair question. One cannot ignore that Murphy's main achievement had been to get the players together in Friday training and evening conference to iron the emotions out of the day before.

It is the task of people in command, temporary or on the establishment, to pick up the pieces. Those in their charge must do the same if the job is to go on.

That is what Murphy and the players did together last weekend. He tells of a dedicated, concentrated approach, and that is what a side denuded of striking power did within the confines of the personnel on the park.

They did a job, and won two points. True they were not faced with one of the most skillful sides which has ever played at the Baseball Ground, but they were faced by a team totally committed to Sunderland's first division survival, playing with a fervour and fierceness which could have stretched a less dedicated side than Rams were on the day.

TEENAGERS EARN DRAW

Huddersfield Res. 1 Derby C. Res. 1 AT HUDDERSFIELD on Monday night a Rams Reserves side filled with nine teenagers did a great job to extract a draw.

Town were packed with experienced players like former Hull striker Chris Simkin, ex Villa striker Campbell and five others with a depth of League experience. The Derby youngsters kept their cool and played their football.

Don O'Riordan put them ahead, again showing tremendous flair for goal in dead ball situations, and they were unlucky when Huddersfield levelled on the stroke of half time from a free kick Moseley might

Dour, but it was just right for the occasion

Goalscorer James said the first thought that flashed into his mind when he knocked the ball into the roof of the net after a Hector shot rebounded from a post was: "That's one for Murph."

He meant Derby's caretaker boss Colin Murphy, who until weight of pass which suggested the light at the end of his tunnel was clearly visible...while Steve Powell, pushed forward to midfield after sterling displays in the backfour, graced the scene as though he had never heard of solely defensive responsibilities.

The afternoon simply wasn't an occasion for the old swashbuckling stuff, the pure football, for which Rams are noted world wide. In fact, it might be said, the offering was rugged and dogged.

But it was organised.

Sunderland never looked like scoring, and even their rare half chances were snuffed out by a tight defence behind which Boulton celebrated his 300th Rams appearance with razor sharp reflex movements and handling.

The goal came in injury time, just before the break, when Newton ran on to a half cleared Rams free kick and crossed a great ball which Hector hit on the volley against the woodwork for the second time in the match...only to see, this time, James running on to the rebound and hit it hard into the roof of the net.

Taffy, who was celebrating the first anniversary of his arrival at Derby, did almost a lap of honour in delight to indicate yet again how his form has recently taken a definite upsurge.

RIGHT THE WAY DOWN THIS WAS A TEAM EFFORT, ONE JUST RIGHT FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

FINE YOUTH WIN

Bristol City "A" 1 Derby County "A" 5

Three goals in six minutes just after the interval knocked the hearts out of an outclassed home side at Bristol last Saturday. They kept on going and somehow kept the score to five.

But Rams notably eased up with such a big away lead under their belts, and if they have to be faulted it might be for failing to rub it in.

Alan Cork netted a fine hat trick and had an encouraging game. Colin Chesters and Paul Bartlett got the others.

RAMS "A": Cherry, Falconer (K), Fox, Ketteridge, Hunt, Chamberlain, Falconer (P), Chesters, Cork, Bartlett, Crawford.

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Date	1976	Opponents	Ground	Pos. in Lge.	Scores	Attend.	1	2	3	4	5	7	8	9	10	11	Sub.
Aug. 21	Sat.	Newcastle United	away	—	2-2	33,982	Moseley	Thomas	Nish (G)	Roch	McFarland (B)	Newton	Gemmill	Hector	George (G/SO)	James	
Aug. 25	Wed.	Middlesbrough	home	—	0-0	23,344	Moseley	Thomas	Nish	Daniel (P)	McFarland	Newton	Gemmill	King	Roch	James	
Aug. 28	Sat.	MANCHESTER UNITED	home	13	0-0	34,054	Moseley	Thomas	Nish	Roch	McFarland	Newton	Gemmill	George	Bourne (W/I)	James	
Aug. 30	Tues.	Leeds United	away	—	2-1	14,888	Moseley	Thomas	Nish	King (W.63)	McFarland	Newton	Gemmill	George (G)	Roch (B)	James	
Sept. 4	Sat.	Liverpool	home	16	0-2	33,352	Moseley	Thomas	Nish	Roch	McFarland	Newton	Gemmill	Roch	George (G)	James	
Sept. 11	Sat.	UEFA Cup (first leg) Finn Harps	home	19	2-3	26,833	Moseley	Thomas	Nish	Roch	McFarland	Newton	Gemmill	Hector (G)	George (G)	James	
Sept. 15	Wed.	Norwich City	away	—	12-0	13,353	Moseley	Thomas	Nish	Roch	McFarland	Newton	Gemmill	Hector (G)	George (G)	James	
Sept. 18	Sat.	NOTTS COUNTY	home	19	0-0	23,020	Moseley	Thomas	Nish	Roch	McFarland	Newton	Gemmill	Hector	George (G)	James	
Sept. 22	Wed.	(League Cup, Round 3)	home	—	1-1	24,881	Moseley	Thomas	Nish	Roch	McFarland	Newton	Gemmill	Hector	George (9, p)	James	
Sept. 25	Sat.	WEST BROMWICH A	home	19	2-2	24,278	Moseley	Thomas	Nish	Roch	McFarland (2G)	Newton	Gemmill	Hector	George	James	
Sept. 29	Wed.	Finn Harps (UEFA Cup, 2nd Leg)	away	—	4-1	2,217	Moseley	Thomas	Nish	Roch	McFarland (W1 17)	Newton	Gemmill	Hector (2g)	George	James	
Oct. 2	Sat.	Birmingham City	away	20	1-5	29,190	Moseley	Thomas	Nish	Roch*	Daniel (B)	Newton	Gemmill	George	Macken	King	
Oct. 4	Mon.	Notts County (League Cup Replay)	away	—	2-1	16,276	Moseley	Thomas	Nish	Macken (W.)	Daniel	Powell	Gemmill	Roch (2G)	George	James	
Oct. 9	Sat.	Derby County v A Great Britain XI, 7 pm (Alan Hinton Testimonial Match)	home	—	2-6	24,811	Moseley	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch (4G)	George (2G, 1P)	James	
Oct. 16	Sat.	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	home	—	8-2	24,216	Moseley	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	George	James	
Oct. 20	Wed.	A.E.K. Athens	away	—	0-2	32,000	Moseley	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	George	James	
Oct. 23	Sat.	(Second Round UEFA Cup)	away	19	0-1	20,916	Moseley	Thomas	Nish	Macken (W)	McFarland (B)	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	George	James	
Oct. 26	Tues.	Brighton	away	—	1-1	34,000	Moseley	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland (B)	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	George	James	
Oct. 30	Sat.	(League Cup 4th Round)	home	17	2-0	22,525	Moseley	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	George	James	
Nov. 3	Wed.	BRISTOL C.	home	—	2-3	28,746	Moseley	Thomas	Nish	Roch (G)	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	George	James	
Nov. 6	Sat.	A.E.K. ATHENS	home	—	1-1	22,527	Boulton	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	Hector	James	
Nov. 8	Mon.	(Second Round UEFA Cup 2nd leg)	away	17	2-1	25,880	Boulton	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	Hector	James	
Nov. 20	Sat.	Queen's Park Rangers	home	—	0-2	23,000	Boulton	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	Hector	James	
Nov. 24	Sat.	BRIGHTON League Cup Replay	home	19	0-2	23,000	Boulton	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	Hector	James	
Nov. 27	Sat.	Everton	away	—	1-0	25,423	Boulton	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	Hector	James	
Nov. 28	Wed.	UEFA Cup 3 (first leg)	away	18	1-0	25,423	Boulton	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	Hector	James	
Nov. 29	Sat.	SUNDERLAND	home	—	1-0	25,423	Boulton	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	Hector	James	
Dec. 1	Wed.	Bolton F.L.5	home	—	1-0	25,423	Boulton	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	Hector	James	
Dec. 4	Sat.	Manchester City	away	—	1-1	22,527	Boulton	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	Hector	James	
Dec. 11	Sat.	WEST HAM UNITED	home	—	2-1	25,880	Boulton	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	Hector	James	
Dec. 15	Wed.	ARSENAL	home	19	0-2	23,000	Boulton	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	Hector	James	
Dec. 18	Sat.	Ipswich Town	away	—	1-0	25,423	Boulton	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	Hector	James	
Dec. 27	Mon.	LEICESTER C.	home	—	1-0	25,423	Boulton	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	Hector	James	
Dec. 29	Wed.	Aston Villa	away	—	1-0	25,423	Boulton	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	Hector	James	
Jan. 1	Sat.	QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS	home	—	1-0	25,423	Boulton	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	Hector	James	
Jan. 3	Mon.	Bristol City	home	—	1-0	25,423	Boulton	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	Hector	James	
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Jan. 29	Sat.	F.A. Cup, 4th Round	away	—	1-0	25,423	Boulton	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	Hector	James	
Feb. 5	Sat.	Manchester United	home	—	1-0	25,423	Boulton	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	Hector	James	
Feb. 12	Sat.	LEEDS UNITED	home	—	1-0	25,423	Boulton	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	Hector	James	
Feb. 16	Wed.	F.L. Cup, Semi-final	away	—	1-0	25,423	Boulton	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	Hector	James	
Feb. 19	Sat.	Liverpool	home	—	1-0	25,423	Boulton	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	Hector	James	
Feb. 26	Sat.	NORWICH C. F.A. Cup 5th Rd.	home	—	1-0	25,423	Boulton	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	Hector	James	
Mar. 2	Wed.	UEFA Cup 4 (first leg)	away	—	1-0	25,423	Boulton	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	Hector	James	
Mar. 5	Sat.	West Bromwich Albion	home	—	1-0	25,423	Boulton	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	Hector	James	
Mar. 9	Wed.	COVENTRY CITY	home	—	1-0	25,423	Boulton	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	Hector	James	
Mar. 12	Sat.	BIRMINGHAM C. F.L. Cup Final	home	—	1-0	25,423	Boulton	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	Hector	James	
Mar. 16	Wed.	UEFA Cup 4 (second leg)	home	—	1-0	25,423	Boulton	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	Hector	James	
Mar. 19	Sat.	Coventry C.F.A. Cup, 6th Rd.	away	—	1-0	25,423	Boulton	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	Hector	James	
Mar. 26	Sat.	Tottenham Hotspur	away	—	1-0	25,423	Boulton	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	Hector	James	
Apr. 2	Sat.	STOKE CITY	home	—	1-0	25,423	Boulton	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	Hector	James	
Apr. 6	Wed.	UEFA Cup Semi-final (first leg)	home	—	1-0	25,423	Boulton	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	Hector	James	
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May 18	Wed.	IPSWICH TOWN	home	—	1-0	25,423	Boulton	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	Hector	James	
May 21	Wed.	UEFA Cup Final (second leg)	home	—	1-0	25,423	Boulton	Thomas	Nish	Macken	McFarland	Powell	Gemmill	Roch	Hector	James	

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CENTRAL LEAGUE

Date	1976	Opponents	Ground
Aug. 21	Sat.	MANCHESTER UNITED	1-0 home
Aug. 25	Wed.	Newcastle United	2-0 home
Aug. 28	Sat.	Sheffield Wednesday	1-0 away
Sept. 1	Wed.		
Sept. 4	Sat.	BLACKBURN ROVERS	3-1 home
Sept. 10	Fri.	Liverpool	1-0 away
Sept. 18	Sat.	LEEDS UNITED	2-1 home
Sept. 25	Sat.	West Bromwich Albion	0-0 away
Oct. 2	Sat.	BOLTON WANDERERS	1-0 home
Oct. 5	Tues.	Coventry City	1-2 away
Oct. 14	Wed.	MANCHESTER C.	0-0 home
Oct. 19	Mon.	Blackpool	0-0 away
Oct. 23	Sat.	WOLVES	2-2 home
Oct. 27	Wed.		
Oct. 30	Sat.	Burnley	1-0 away
Nov. 6	Sat.	SHEFFIELD UNITED	2-2 home
Nov. 13	Sat.	Everton	1-2 away
Nov. 17	Wed.	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	2-1 home
Nov. 20	Sat.	BURY	1-3 home
Nov. 29	Mon.	Huddersfield Town	1-1 away
Dec. 4	Sat.	PRESTON	home
Dec. 11	Sat.	Nottingham Forest	away
Dec. 18	Sat.	BURNLEY	home
Dec. 27	Mon.		
Dec. 28	Tues.	ASTON VILLA	home
Jan. 1	Sat.	Stoke City	away
Jan. 8	Sat.	NEWCASTLE UNITED	home
Jan. 15	Sat.		
Jan. 19	Wed.	Manchester United	away
Jan. 22	Sat.		
Jan. 29	Sat.		
Feb. 5	Sat.	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	home
Feb. 12	Sat.	Blackburn Rovers	away
Feb. 16	Wed.		
Feb. 19	Sat.	LIVERPOOL	home
Feb. 26	Sat.	Leeds United	away
Mar. 5	Sat.	WEST BROMWICH A	home
Mar. 12	Sat.	Bolton Wanderers	away
Mar. 19	Sat.	COVENTRY C.	home
Mar. 26	Sat.	BLACKPOOL	home
Apr. 2	Sat.	Wolverhampton Wanderers	away
Apr. 8			
Apr. 9	Sat.	Aston Villa	away
Apr. 11	Mon.	STOKE CITY	home
Apr. 12			
Apr. 19	Tues.	Sheffield United	away
Apr. 23	Sat.	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	home
Apr. 27	Wed.	EVERTON	home
Apr. 30	Sat.	Bury	away
May 4	Wed.	Manchester City	away
May 10	Tues.	Preston	away
May 21	Sat.		

MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

Date	1976	Opponents	Ground
Aug. 21	Wolves	2-1	Nov. 6 Port Vale 1-1 A
Aug. 28	Villa	0-1	13 Shrewsbury 0-1 H
Sept. 4	Brighton	A	20 Shrewsbury 0-1 H
(to be re-dated)			27 Bristol C 5-1 A
11 Bristol C 3-1 H			
18 Forest 2-2 H			Dec 4 Notts. C A
18 Mansfield 2-1 A			11 Mansfield A
25 Mansfield 2-1 A			18 Stoke C A
Oct 2 Villa 0-0 A			Jan 1 WBA A
9 Forest 3-2 A			8 Brighton H
Oct 16 Stoke 1-1 H			15 Notts. C H
Oct 23 WBA Post			22 Wolves H

MIDLAND YOUTH LEAGUE

Date	1976	Opponents	Ground
Sept. 1	Wed.	SWINDON	1-1 away
Sept. 8	Wed.	COVENTRY	3-3 home
Sept. 15	Wed.	LEICESTER CITY	3-2 home
Sept. 22	Wed.	BIRMINGHAM C.	1-1 away
Sept. 29	Wed.	BRISTOL CITY	0-3 Home
Oct. 6	Wed.	WEST BROMWICH	1-1 away
Oct. 20	Wed.	LEICESTER CITY (Cup)	1-0 home
Nov. 24	Wed.	BIRMINGHAM Cup	home
Jan. 19	Wed.	COVENTRY	home
Feb. 16	Wed.	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	home
Mar. 2	Wed.	BIRMINGHAM	home
Mar. 9	Wed.	NORTHAMPTON	home
Mar. 30	Wed.	WOLVES	home

All Derby County home games in the Midland Intermediate League will be played at Raynesway Training Ground on Saturday mornings, kick-off 11.00 a.m. Midland Youth League games will also be played at Raynesway on Wednesday afternoons, kick-off 2.00 p.m.

TONIGHT'S LINE-UP

Derby County

(from)
Colin Boulton
Rod Thomas
Henry Newton
Tony Macken
Roy McFarland
Colin Todd
Steve Powell
Archie Gemmill
Kevin Hector
Jeff Bourne
Leighton James
Charlie George
Bruce Rioch

Referee: D. TURNER
(Cannock)

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Bolton

1. Jim McDonagh
2. Peter Nicholson
3. Tony Dunne
4. Roy Greaves
5. Paul Jones
6. Sam Allardyce
7. Willie Morgan
8. Neil Whatmore
9. Steve Taylor
10. Peter Reid
11. Brian Smith
- 12.

Linesman:

J. H. Rees, red flag;
G. H. Crook, yellow flag.



Your match referee

Dennis Turner started refereeing at 18 and reached the Football League via the West Midlands Regional after local Cannock youth experience.

He has taken internationals and European Cup games.

Married with two children, Mr Turner is a mines safety engineer who loves club cricket and swimming.

Welcome back lads



TODAY'S

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THREE of the most missed faces from the Rams squad in recent games watched Saturday's match against Sunderland from the director's box.

Thankfully, Bruce Rioch (left) and Charlie George (centre) are due to turn out against Bolton tonight, but the best news of all came earlier this week . . . that David Nish (right) exited for the season a week or two ago was advised by the specialist that there was now no reason why he shouldn't play with his injured knee. And Dave hopes to resume in the Reserves on Saturday.

The news will delight a Rams squad now bubbling with the confidence which brought the League Championship to the Baseball Ground 18 months ago and in 1972.

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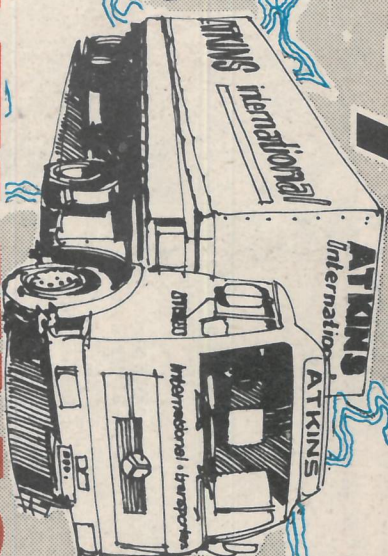
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